

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

November 29, 2016

Jude J. Nohra Executive Vice President and Secretary United Community Financial Corp. 275 West Federal Street Youngstown, OH 44503

> Re: United Community Financial Corp. Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed November 22, 2016 File No. 333-214763

Dear Mr. Nohra:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact William H. Dorton, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3107 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Era Anagnosti

Era Anagnosti Legal Branch Chief Office of Financial Services